

# WOODFIN

Church Planting | San Francisco

MAY-JULY 2021

## Us.

There are few words that are more powerful in the ears of a church planter than the tiny two letter word “Us.”

As a church planter you often feel desperately alone. This calling that God has given you is oftentimes one of solitary. You feel alone in your passion for this new church plant, you feel alone in the work you do to get a church started, you feel alone through the ups and downs and the back and forth. Like a lone ship on a vast ocean of waves. So, it comes as no surprise then that when someone utters the word “Us” your heart is overcome with joy and you start to see the other ships facing the storm with you.

Recently, we had an Interest Party at my house (an interest party is when we invite our prospects to come over for a dinner, meet us, we share the vision of Branches, and invite them to join our church launch team). For the last few months we have had a wonderful couple join our bible studies and our team, their names are Marshall and Sylvia. At the interest party one of our prospects showed up, Sylvia introduced herself to him, and then uttered one of the most wonderful phrases I could have ever hoped to hear. She said, “How did you hear about us?” She referred to our church as “us”! She didn’t say, ‘How did you hear about Branches,’ or ‘How did you hear about the Woodfins,’ no, she said, “How did you hear about us?” In one phrase she showed that she felt herself to be part of the church. We are not alone.

### God Things Happening

These last few months have been quite honestly, astounding. I know it's in vogue to share your hardships and difficulties, but I just can't. God is doing too many astounding things for me to mention the hardships.

We have had several preview services now with our last one is happening this coming Sunday Aug 1st. At each preview service we have had more and more people show up. We had a record attendance with 24 in our last service and that was on the 4th of July. We have also seen more people commit to being part of our church planting team. We are now up to 12 with several others very interested. We have seen numerous gospel conversations happening. The latest one I sat down with John, and had a three hour conversation about Jesus Christ as the Messiah. He told me after I led him to Romans 10:9, “I don't know when this is going to happen, but I can tell you that it will happen.” Please be in prayer that John accepts Jesus soon. We also hosted a mission team in June from Faith Baptist Tabernacle in Tennessee that was able to distribute over 4000 door hangers (from which we had people join our launch team) and had many great gospel conversations.

### Pray Hard for our Grand Opening

This will be the final letter before the grand opening of our church on September 19th. After which we will be meeting weekly in our rented venue space. Please pray for souls to be saved, pray for more people to join our team, pray for God to send more laborers, pray for Branches Baptist Church to become a beacon of the Gospel in San Francisco.

Love you all, and thank you so much for your continued prayers and support. To follow us more regularly go to Facebook and follow our Woodfin Crew facebook page.



Outdoor Service with the Missions team from TN



Interest Party at our Home



### CONTACT US:

Mail: 2122 43rd Ave. San Francisco, CA 94116  
Email: [jakewoodfinsf@gmail.com](mailto:jakewoodfinsf@gmail.com)  
Phone: 415-410-4889

